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[Read Mrs. Battle's Poem in this number]

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The Editor's Page

SAVE THE BABIES—HOW? WHY?

Unto a woman of Israel, the wife of a man named Manoah, there appeared one day, long ago, an angel bearing the blessed news that unto her should be born a son who should be a strong man and who should do a great service for his race. With joy, the wife ran and told her husband.

Now I want all readers of these lines to note what this husband did. In the Book of Judges (XIII, 8) his action is thus described:

"Then Manoah entreated the Lord and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born."

Mark you, the angel had already given the woman some special direc-

tions; but the husband wanted to know them, too.

When the angel returned, the woman ran again and told her husband, who speedily presented himself before the visitor and asked without embarrassment: "How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?" With equal frankness, the angel repeated all the instructions he had given the wife and gave the husband to understand that he should help the wife follow the directions.

The two must have co-operated fully for in Holy Writ we are shown that Samson, the son for whom they so carefully prepared, was the strongest of men.

Husbands to Lead in Baby-Saving

Modern practice has shifted the burden of preparing and caring for babies to the women; and today the average man is woefully ignorant of his duty in the matter. I have recounted the story of Manoah and his wife to show what good results followed mutual knowledge and co-operation in the matter of preparing for the expected little stranger and to drive home the fact that men must be taught how to help their wives save the babies; and that it is their duty to do so. More than this: It is largely in the power of the husband to determine whether his wife shall have the opportunity to take proper care of the little ones given to them, even when she knows how to care for them; and when, as so often is the case, the wife is nothing but an inexperienced girl who has never been told of the science of motherhood, for the husband not to know what care she should have—what food she should eat, what work she should not do, by what beautiful things she should be surrounded, what thoughts she should think, what tenderness and love she should receive—for him to be ignorant on these points is criminal.

Special Plea for the Large Boy

I am hoping that the Women's Club will look specially to the matter of giving instruction to the older boys on the main things they should know about

the "care of baby's mother" for there is where the man can help wonderfully. I know the girls and women will be told their part; but when I look back over my own experience and remember that of many men with whom I have talked, I am afraid the young men, those who are becoming interested in girls—seriously, I mean—I am afraid they will not be told what they should know. I am not pleading for such discussion of the subject as will be indelicate; but I do plead that our larger boys be told what is necessary for intelligent men to know about caring for "Baby's Mother."

I advance a step beyond this and express the hope that there may be sent to the larger boys, in particular, some woman who is herself a mother and who can tell the boys what "Baby's Mother" has a right to expect from them when they have become heads of families. No doctor, unless she is a woman, and no other kind of lecturer can carry this message to a young man and make it "stick" as a mother can do. Her appeal to their chivalry they will not forget, if she knows how to put it on that ground; and if she does not know how to put it on this ground, she should not be permitted to talk at all.

Baby and Its Mother on the Farm

The duty is laid upon us all of getting the message to the colored farmer man that there is a certain duty which he owes to the mother of the babies, if he wants them to live and be healthy and strong.

We are sending the demonstration agent to him to give instruction in growing crops and stock. It is now time to send other agents to show him that there are times when the mother should leave the field and be treated like a queen. I hope both mothers and doctors will go along and talk to these men on the farm about this, always with delicacy but with straight-forward seriousness.

Talks For the Girls and Women?

I am not at all worried about the instruction to be given our girls and women for I am certain that will be properly

cared for; but I am not so certain about the boys and men.

Why Save the Babies?

Why save the babies? Because—

They are worth saving. A child is a comfort and a consolation to its parents if properly trained.

They help preserve homes. Again and again it has been proven that the majority of persons who divorce each other have no children. A child's baby fingers, baby love, baby trust, baby impartiality have held men and women together when all arguments and fear of disgrace had failed to do so.

They are necessary to preserve the race.

The baby that dies may be one who might have done a great work for the world had it lived.

It is a crime to let a child die because of ignorance.

—ISAAC FISHER.

Editor's Note: The following poem has human interest in abundance.

About an hour before giving manuscript to our printer, I telephoned a message to Mrs. Effie Battle, who, unknown to me, was ill in her room. The message advised her of the kind of picture which the front page of this issue of the paper would have; and she was asked to kindly write two stanzas of verse to accompany it. The message was delivered to her and—

Within forty-five minutes, the poem below, neatly typewritten, was in the editor's hands.

He may be no judge of poetry, but these lines go to and grip the heart; and one does not need to be a literary critic to discern that. Gaze upon the picture—Mrs. Battle did not see the photograph—and read the lines; and you will see that the woman has divine fire in her heart.

It is our duty to have Mrs. Battle better known. God has told her to sing and sing she must or defeat Omnipotent design.—ISAAC FISHER.

EMPTY ARMS AND AN EMPTY CRADLE

Mrs. Effie T. Battle

There she sits in dreary silence,
Gazing on a cradle bare,
Dreaming of one short, bright morning
When her darling nestled there.

Once again she sees his bright eyes,
Sees his rosy, dimpled face;
Sees his chubby hands stretch toward her
In his charming, baby grace.

And she stoops to clasp her darling
Once more to her troubled breast,
Once more let her arms enfold him,
On her bosom let him rest!

But Alas, she wakes from dreaming,
Her sweet vision now has flown;
And her arms clasp only shadows,
For her darling babe is gone!

Lonely mother, in thy sadness,
Do not weep in grim despair;
Once I sat amid the shadows
That hang darkly o'er you there.

Lift thine eyes to yonder blue sky,
O'er that fleecy cloud above,
See, thy darling's hand is beckoning
You to brighter realms of love!

And his face is like a sunbeam,
Shedding light where'er you roam;
His sweet voice is ever calling
You to that bright, happy Home!

"BABY WEEK"

Following the lead of New York and Chicago, a number of cities have set apart one week in every year in which it is sought to interest the public in the proper care of babies. This year the Tuskegee Woman's Club is planning to take the lead in this matter for the Tuskegee community. The co-operation of all persons is invited to make the week a success. The club has issued the following:

THE NEGRO FARMER AND MESSENGER

The Tuskegee Woman's Club will celebrate from March fourth to March eleventh as "Baby Week," for the entire Tuskegee community, including churches and schools in the town of Tuskegee as well as in the town of Greenwood, reaching as far as Solomon's Chapel on the Montgomery road and the brick schoolhouse on the Tallassee Road, taking in the New Rising Star community.

Mrs. J. W. Whittaker has been appointed by the President of the Club to act as Chairman; with her are working Mrs. J. A. Kenney, Mrs. B. T. Washington, Jr., Mr. J. C. Jordan, and Mrs. C. H. Fearing. These ladies are visiting the schools and churches and are working with all zeal and earnestness to make "Baby Week," March fourth to March eleventh, one of the best things the community has ever had.

We shall end with a play conducted by Mrs. J. A. Kenney in the Assembly Room of the Academic Building, to which all people, both men and women, shall be invited. We are urging the co-operation of the students and other patrons in the neighborhood.

(Signed)

MRS. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.
President of Tuskegee Woman's Club.

COLORED FATHERS ON FARMS; A WORD

Did you know that—
Thirty nine (39) per cent or more
than one-third of all babies under one

year of age in the registration area in the United States during 1912; and seventy-three (73) per cent or nearly three-fourths of all babies under one month of age died because their mothers were not surrounded by favorable conditions before the babies were born?

The mothers needed—

Good Food,
Plenty of Rest,
Fresh Air,
Light Exercise,
A Contented Mind.

But—

Someone was ignorant or careless and the mothers did not receive what they needed.

On the farms, in particular, it is to be feared that our colored farmers—the men—do not understand their duty in regard to this matter. If there is no "Baby Week" observed in your community, ask the doctor about these matters.

MOTHERS, PLEASE READ

How much do you really know about the subjects following?

Clothing for baby.

Sleeping arrangements.

Bathing arrangements.

Toys—plain, unpainted.

Baby killers—long-tubed bottles, flies, etc.

Scales for weighing baby.

Good and bad carriages.

Any good ideas for the care of babies.

Do you know the kind of clothes the baby should wear, and why?

What special arrangements should be made for the sleeping room of the infant?

Is there a "right" way and a "wrong" way to bathe a baby? Which is which?

Why should toys be unpainted?

Do you know the list of "baby-killers?"

Of what value is it to have scales for the regular weighing of a baby?

What is a good baby carriage?

Such subjects as these will be discussed during "Baby Week." Go and learn about them.

MORE QUESTIONS FOR MOTHERS

Why shouldn't you kiss your baby on its mouth?

Why is mother's milk best?

When you are nursing your baby while you have a cold, what precautions

do you take to keep it from taking your cold?

Why shouldn't you take your baby into a crowd?

Do you nurse your baby by the clock time or by "guess" time?

Has the kind of house you live in anything to do with the health of your baby?

Why do so many babies die under one year of age?

What effects have overwork, lack of proper diet and lack of sleep upon the nursing mother?

These questions are discussed during "Baby Week."

"BABY-SAVING DRUGGISTS"

The Negro Farmer and Messenger is pleased to be able to call attention to

the drug firms whose advertisements appear in this paper; and there is no hesitancy in sending persons to them for such supplies as are needed for the care of young babies:

Lewis Drug Company. This is one of Tuskegee's best drug firms. Sanitary napkins and nursing bottles, nipples, etc., are always kept in stock at this store; and persons need not be uneasy when they purchase such supplies for their babies. If they do not have what you need, they will order it.

Johnston Drug Company. One of the oldest drug firms in Macon County. Any supplies for the use of young babies may be found in their stock. Castile soaps, the best baby powders, bottles, nipples and napkins may be secured from them. Tell them what you want and they will help you to procure it.

this and do the same, find the leaks, stop them as soon as possible, and increase your farm profits.

Good tools pay! With good tools and a little repair shop on the farm you can do all the repairing that you will have to do and keep your implements in good shape at all times.

A small hand forge is often very handy on the farm. In many cases it will pay for itself the first year. Once the method of using it is learned, the trips to the blacksmith will be less frequent during the very busy summer season.

Harrows, disks, and cultivators should all be looked over carefully. Dull harrows are very inefficient tools to use. The blades of the disk should be sharpened and the bearings should not be neglected. Renew them when necessary. Dull shovels on cultivators cannot be expected to do efficient work.

—University of Missouri Ag. Col.

TABLE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FOR THE
BABY AND CHILD

Age	Weight		Height		Head		Chest		Abdomen	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Birth	7.55	7.16	20.6	20.5	13.9	13.5	13.4	13.0	16.875	16.375
6 months	17.875	16.0	26.50	25.875	17.5	17.0	17.375	16.75	17.125	16.625
1 year	21.25	20.875	29.375	28.75	18.5	18.25	18.375	18.125	17.875	17.875
2 years	27.5	26.625	33.5	33.5	19.375	19.0	19.624	19.5	18.75	19.0
3 years	32.125	30.75	37.125	36.375	20.0	19.5	20.5	20.0	19.875	19.75
4 years	36.0	35.0	38.0	38.0	19.7	19.5	20.7	20.7	.....	.....
5 years	41.2	39.8	41.7	41.4	20.5	20.2	21.5	21.0	.....	.....
6 years	45.1	43.8	44.1	43.6	.....	.....	23.2	22.8	.....	.....
7 years	49.5	48.0	46.2	45.9	.....	.....	23.7	23.3	.....	.....
8 years	54.5	52.9	48.2	48.0	.....	.....	24.4	23.8	.....	.....
9 years	60.0	57.5	50.1	49.6	.....	.....	25.1	24.5	.....	.....
10 years	66.6	64.1	52.2	51.8	21.0	20.7	25.8	24.7	.....	.....
11 years	72.4	70.3	54.0	53.8	.....	.....	26.4	25.8	.....	.....
12 years	79.8	81.4	55.8	57.1	.....	.....	27.0	26.8	.....	.....
13 years	88.3	91.2	58.2	58.7	.....	.....	27.7	28.0	.....	.....
14 years	99.3	100.3	61.0	60.3	.....	.....	28.8	29.2	.....	.....
15 years	110.8	108.4	63.0	61.4	21.8	21.5	30.0	30.3	.....	.....
16 years	123.7	113.0	65.6	61.7			31.2	30.8		

FARMERS' DICTIONARY

The "Big Words" and Events Explained

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Every day now means a little advance in the price of seed. If any seed is needed, now is the time to purchase it.

Watch your wood pile! Replenish it if necessary so that it will be large enough to last until this time next year.

Hired labor can profitably be put to work cutting brush and removing rocks from the fields. Both should be used in making dams to help prevent soil washing.

The store keepers have all taken in voices of their stock. Take a hint from

perhaps one of the most impressive if not the most impressive sessions of the State Teachers' Association, to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, on April, 5th, 6th and 7th will be the memorial exercises to be conducted on Thursday evening, April 6, 1916. The exercises themselves will be of a very high order; but in addition to this the interest will be increased by the presence and address of the man who has been chosen to succeed Dr. Washington as Principal of Tuskegee—Major R. R. Moton, until recently Commandant of Cadets at Hampton Institute, Virginia. Birmingham white and colored citizens will have an opportunity to see the man upon whose shoulders the mantle of Dr. Washington will fall and one of the rare opportunities will be afforded of getting acquainted with the new worker in Alabama and Southern educational fields.

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—Chicago Defender.

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I AM FREE — YOU CAN BE FREE

My catarrh was filthy and loathsome. It made me ill. It dulled my mind. It undermined my health and was weakening my will. The hawking, coughing, spitting made me obnoxious to all, and my foul breath and disgusting habits made even my loved ones avoid me secretly. My delights in life were dulled and my faculties impaired. I knew that in time it would bring me to an untimely grave because every moment of the day and night it was slowly yet surely sapping my vitality. But I found a cure, and I am ready to tell you about it FREE. Write me promptly.

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NEGRO AGENTS WILL MEET AT TUSKEGEE FOR CONFERENCE.

Tuskegee, Alabama,

February 17, 1916.

Special to the Negro Farmer:

The annual meeting of all colored Agricultural Workers, including Farm Demonstration Agents, and the recently appointed Smith-Lever agents, has been called for February 24-25-26, by Mr. J. T. Watt, State Agent and Dr. J. F. Duggar, Director of Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics in Alabama.

Those engaged in the work are as follows:

J. B. McPherson, Randolph County.

C. D. Menafee, Lee County.

M. B. Ivy, Bullock County.

G. W. Patterson, Madison County.

J. P. Phillips, Montgomery County.

T. H. Toodle, Dallas County.

F. L. Bennett, Wilcox County.

P. J. Brown, Marengo and Hale Counties.

C. W. Greene, Macon County.

P. C. Parks, North Alabama. (Club Agent.)

N. J. Coleman, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. (Home Economics Teacher.)

Charma M. Abbott, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. (Clerk.)

T. M. Campbell, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. (District Agent).

Approved by C. M. Abbott, clerk.

T. M. CAMPBELL, District Agent.

Plans have been made by the officials so that these agents will receive a definite line of instruction during the three days at Tuskegee, including a study of the Institute's general farm and Experiment Station. Through the efforts of the late Booker T. Washington, Alabama was the first State in the South to receive the services of a Negro Demonstration Agent for Negro Farmers. This work began in Macon County, 1906, under the late Dr. S. A. Knapp.

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The ladies of the Tuskegee Institute Agricultural Department entertained the Agricultural Faculty at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bridgeforth, Saturday evening, January 29th, from 8:00 to 10:00 o'clock. A very interesting program was rendered and refreshments served. The following persons were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jones, Mr. R. C. Atkins, Mr. H. H. Harris, Mr. Geo. D. White, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Cowen, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Greene, Mrs. Matthew Woods, Dr. J. H. Bias, Mr. N. D. Ricks, Mrs. Ceasar Solomon.

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Probably the most unique feature of the Conference was, the hundreds of people reached by a well arranged tour made and carried out by Mr. Holtzclaw.

Our first stop was made at Learned, 14 miles from the Institution, where a large and an enthusiastic crowd awaited us; from thence the party went to Southern Christian Institute where a fine body of students met us and listened with eagerness to what was said.

Mound Bayou was the next point reached. A large house awaited us and listened attentively and plied questions for about two hours. From this point we left by way of Vicksburg, and Jackson—stopping at the latter place, speaking to the teachers and students at Tougaloo University, and later at Christ's Missionary and Industrial College, presided over by a Mr. William Holmes, a very competent and worthy young man who graduated from the Utica Institute a few years ago.

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JEANES FUND WORKERS NOTES

The conference of Jeanes Fund Workers conducted by Dr. James H. Dillard, President; Mr. James L. Sibley and Mr. George D. Godard, State Supervisors of Rural Colored Schools for Alabama and Georgia, was held at Tuskegee Institute on February 6. The notes following give an idea of what the meeting does:

Mrs. Booker T. Washington welcomed cordially all of the workers who belonged to the Conference. It seemed fitting that she should do this.

Dr. Dillard told the Supervisors (a) that he wanted them to make the teachers in the country schools feel that the

former were to help and not take charge of their schools; (b) that he hoped the Supervisors would visit all of the schools in their counties; and (c) that he believed the Jeanes workers were making the schools better.

In the meetings, each county supervisor made a verbal report of work done.

Mr. Sibley said that it is important that the Jeanes Fund workers resolve to carry forward the work which Dr. Washington loved so well—the rural work.

Mr. Caldwell, Dr. Dillard's assistant, made it plain that the Jeanes workers are directly accountable to their county superintendents and not to the Jeanes Fund board.

Mr. W. T. B. Williams, secretary of the meeting, spoke earnestly of the opportunity the workers have to do real service; and he indicated that education is neither industrial nor literary, alone; but that it is everything that makes for development.

Dr. Kenney spoke on the prevention of disease.

Director Roberts invited all persons present to be present at the next summer school.

DIRECTOR CALLOWAY THANKED

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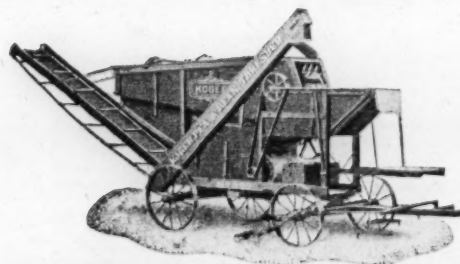
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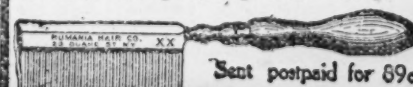
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